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NUMBER OF STUDENTS SENT ABROAD FOR HIGHER STUDIES.

*147: Q:-Sri S. NAGAPPA: Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state -

(a) the number of students sent abroad during the last three years for higher studies;

(b) to what communities they belong;

(c) the total cost incurred by the Govt. on each student; and

(d) How much of the total cost is borne by the Central Govt.

The Hon. Sri T.S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:-

"(a)-

Year	Number of students selected.	Number who actuall failed.
1945-46	44	42
1946-47	44	33
1947-48	21	Nil.
	109	75

(b) -

Names of communities.	Number of students selected in the year.			TOTAL.
	1945-46	1946-47	1947-48.	
Brahman	19	19	8	46
Non-Brahman	12	13	7	32
Non-Brahman (backward)	1	5	2	8
Christian	8	3	2	13
Muslim	4	3	1	8
Harijan	--	--	1	1
Parsi	--	1	--	1
	44	44	21	109

(c) The cost of training a student is roughly Rs.15,000/-

(d) Half of the total cost is borne by the Govt. of India".

(A) Sri R.V. SWAMINATHAN:-"In view of the importance of this question may I request the Hon. the Speaker to have this question on some other day. Another request is that we want the reply to be printed and placed on the table of the House"

(B)

Mr. SPEAKER: "Yes, It will be done'

'A' above: The further procedings may be awaited.

'b' above: Copies of the statement were roneod and placed on the table of the House on 9-10-1947. When the question was again put and answered by H.M.(Education). No further action is, therefore, called for on this account.

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*147 Q: Answered on the 26th September 1947 and taken up for supplementary questions to-day)

Sri S. NAGAPPA:-"Arising out of the answer to clause (B) may I ask, Sir, how is it that the number of candidates selected from Harijan community is so low?"

The Hon. Sri T.S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:-"Though this Government gave more representation, the Government of India did not select the candidates recommended by us".

Sri S. NAGAPPA:"Am I to understand, Sir, that the Government of India are not interested in Harijans as much as the Provincial Government are interested?"

The Hon. Sri T.S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:-"That question should be put to the proper quarters".

Sri R.V. SWAMINATHAN:-"May I know why the representation given to Non-Brahman Backward community is very low?"

The Hon. Sri T.S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:-"In this matter also though this Govt. recommended a large number, the Govt of India reduced the number.

Sri V.I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:-"May I know what the qualifications prescribed are for the selection of candidates for foreign scholarship?"

The Hon. Sri T.S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:-"The qualifications prescribed for the various scholarships are different. If the Hon. Member specifies which scholarship he has in view, I shall be able to furnish the information".

Sri ROKKAM RAMAMURTHI:-"Are the Government going to entertain in Government service all the candidates sent for foreign training? Is there any specific undertaking given by them?"

The Hon. Sri T.S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:-"In the case of certain candidates they are sent with a specific understanding by the Government that these people should be utilised in Government service in certain departments. About others there is no guarantee. They will have to be absorbed in certain industrial concerns"

Sri R.V. SWAMINATHAN:-"Is it not the primary intention of the Government in the matter of sending students to England that they should be sent for studies in highly technical subjects and would it not be in keeping with the policy of the Government to restrict selection to such students as would fit with the object concerned?"

The Hon. Sri T.S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:-"Precisely so Sir"

Sri V.I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:-"In view of the smallness of Harijan representation, may I request the Government to give wider publicity before making selection next time?"

The Hon. Sri T.S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:-"There is no question of wider publicity, Sir. The widest publicity is given. If the hon. Member suggests any ways of giving more wide publicity, the Government will consider the matter".

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Begum Sultan MIR AMIRUDDIN. [illegible] year 1947-48 only 21 students have been selected whereas in the two previous years the number was 44?"

The Hon. Sri T.S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:-"This Govt. sent up their recommendations. In the first selection out of 35 that were sent up, the Government of India chose only 21; and subsequently when the recommendations for the other posts were sent up, the Government of India said that it was too late to take them into account this year"

Sri K.T.S. SUBBAIAH:-"May I know whether communal Government Order is applied to the selections that are made by the Government?"

The Hon. Sri T.S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:-"No, Sir".

Sri [illegible] S. AMINATHAN:-"Is it a fact that competent students from the backward communities have been rejected by the Government?"

The Hon. Sri T.S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR:-"No, Sir.

Sri C. VENKATA REDDI:-"May I know how many students have been selected from the Rayalaseema during these three years, Sir?".

The Hon. Sri T.S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:-"The Hon. member may put a separate question, Sir".

Sri A. VEDARATNAM PILLAI:-"May I know whether any girl students were recommended for higher education abroad, sir?"

The Hon. Sri T.S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:-"I believe so, Sir. If the Hon. Member wants a more exact answer he may put a separate question".

Sri K. BAPINA DI:-"May I know whether any record of the services or activities of these scholars are kept?"

The Hon. Sri T.S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:-"The scheme is only three years old, Sir. The first batch of students was sent only the year before last. It is not yet time to get them back".

Sri P. KANDASWAMI PILLAI:-"Is it the policy of the Govt to select students on a communal basis or on the individual merit of students?"

The Hon. Sri T.S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:-"While every attempt is made to give representation to the various communities, selection in these matters must depend upon the equipment of the scholars themselves".

Sri S. NAGAMMA:-"May I ask the Government how they propose to utilize the services of these people when they return and whether it will not be desirable to entrust these people with the work of instructing what they have learnt in foreign countries to people in our country?"

The Hon. Sri T.S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:-"They are not at all from the Education Department, Sir. Some of them have gone for Industrial training and some of training in engineering. The intention is that many of them should be absorbed in Government service but there is no such guarantee given".

K. MUHAMMAD ISMAIL SAHIB Bahadur: "In view of the fact that these students are being sent as part of the post-war reconstruction scheme, are the Government considering the advisability of sending a large number of students in the future?"

The Hon. Sri T.S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:-"Not for the presen Sir

Dr.M.J. SAMUEL:-"May I know whether any Wood Engineering expert has been sent?2

The Hon. Sri T.S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:-"The hon. Member may put a separate question."

Begum Sultan MIR AMIRUDDIN:-"May I know whether the one Muslim that has been selected this year happens to be man or woman? And may I know why a Christian woman who possessed higher academic qualifications than the other candidates was not selected and some one with a lower academic qualification was selected instead?

The Hon. Sri T.S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:-"the Hon. Member is speaking without giving any specific names or other information Unless she gives specific names or other information, it will be impossible to give an answer, Sir"

M. MUHAMMAD ISMAIL SAHIB Bahadur:-"Do not the Government consider it rather urgent to relieve the admitted paucity of technical men in the country?"

The Hon. Sri T.S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:-"Yes. Sir, that is why they are starting so many Engineering Colleges and Polytechnics"

Sri R.V. SWAMINATHAN:-"Arising out of the answer given by the Ho Minister, I want to know what is the procedure adopted in selecting the candidates?"

The Hon.Sri T.S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:-"The Government appoint a Committee. That committee invites applications. They sort out the applications and go through them and then they make the selections which they recommend to the Government. The Government again go through them and then it is sent to the Government of India. The Government of India have on their part set up a committee which goes through the recommendations. and the Government of India approve or reject or do whatever they think right with those applications. That is the final stage"

Sri K. ANANDAN NAMBIYAR:-"May I know whether any workers have been sent abroad this year, Sir?"

The Hon. Sri T.S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:-"I believe all are workers, Sir"

Sri N.M.R. SUBBARAMAN:-"May I know whether the Central Govt. has given reasons for not accepting all the recommendations of the Provincial Government, Sir?"

The Hon. Sri T.S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:-"They have given no more reasons than that they are not properly qualified for the studies for which they are sent"

Begum Sultan MIR AMIRUDDIN:-"The answer to the first part of my question, whether it is a man or woman has not been given, Sir. As regards the Christian woman, may I inform the Hon. Minister that she is a lady employed in the Education Department who is qualifying for her Ph.D. degree; the Hon. Minister will find further details of her if he will look into his file. She possesses higher academic qualifications than the one who has been selected"

The Hon. Sri T.S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:-"The hon. Member may put a separate question and I will look into the matter"

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Begum Sultan MIR AMIRUDDIN:-What about the Muslim candidate being a man or woman?"

The Hon. Sri T.S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:-"Surely the hon. Member does not expect me to know the sex, the name, etc.

Begum SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:-"That was the only candidate selected"

Mr. SPEAKER:-"It is a conversation going on between the hon. Member and Hon. Minister and it is strictly prohibited".

M. MUHAMMAD ISMAIL SAHIB Bahadur:-"Side by side with increasing the facilities for producing technical men in the Province do not the Government think it highly necessary to send men abroad for learning from the industrially advanced countries?"

The Hon. Sri T.S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:-"It will depend upon the experience we have of these persons whom we have sent abroad. Let them come back and he put to work and let us know by experience what they have got to give us. Then it will be time enough to consider whether we should increase the number of candidates to be sent to foreign countries".

Sri M.G. NATESA CHETTIYAR:-"May I know whether the recruitment of candidates for foreign countires is from the employees of the Government or from colleges?"

The Hon. Sri T.S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:-"It is not confined to employees of Government, Sir".

Sri GUNTUR NARASIMHA RAO:-"What percentage of the students sent abroad were for industrial training?"

The Hon. Sri T.S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:-"The hon. member may put a separate question, and I will give the answer".

Sri S. NAGAPPA:-"Arising out of the answer given by to my hon. Friend Mr. R.V. SWAMINATHAN as regards the formation of the committee, may I ask the Hon. Minister whether the committee is fully representative and if so, whether there is any representation for a Harijan member?"

The Hon. Sri T.S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:-"I believe, sir, that in the committee appointed by the Govt. of Madras, there is no Harijan in it. But I believe that in the committee that was appointed by the Government of India there was one Harijan, but I am not sure and I am subject to correction"

Sri S. NAGAPPA:-"May I know, Sir, whether the number of Harijan candidates is too low because there is no Harijan member in the committee?"

The Hon. Sri T.S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:-"I may say, Sir, that the committee which had no Harijan member on it recommende more Harijan names but the Committee which I think has a Harijan member on it, knocked out even that recommendation'

Sri S. NAGAPPA:-"At least in future will the Government consider the desirability of including a Harijan member in such committees?"

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The Hon.Sri T.S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:-"NO, Sir. The Govt expedt that every community which is put on a committee will act impartially. We should not depend on communal justice being obtained by having individual communities represented on the committee"

Sri H.V. SWAMINATHAN:-"May I request the Hon. Minister to consider the desirability of giving more preference to the members from backward communities and Harijans in selecting candidates this year so that they may reach their proper proportion in relation to other communities?"

The Hon. Sri T.S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:-"I want to make it clear, Sir, that it is the intention of this Government to give as much representation for the backward communities ~~for the~~ as possible. But for the object with which these people are sent the provission of a certain mimimum qualification is also necessary. I want also to make this House understand that this Government are not the final judges in this matter. The Government of India is the final judge in this matter and so even in cases in which we recommended more candidates from the backward communities that representation did not last. I want the House to understand these difficulties"

Sri S. NAGAPPA:-"In view of the answer now given by the Hon. Minister to my supplementary question, may I ask the Government whether they are aware of a proverb that self-help is the best help and that Harijans will be in a better position to serve the Harijans?"

The Hon. Sri T.S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:-"I welcome that, Sir, and I hope Mr. Nagappa will learn by that".

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